THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The grievances in the memorandum are of general nature demanding, *inter-alia*, increase in staff strength, creation of additional posts in various sections of Avadi Car Shed, supply of various Store Items, Spare Parts, provision of water supply, toilet facilities etc. All such grievances are looked into by concerned authorities and appropriate action taken wherever necessary.

Payment of dues of M/s Ring Road Carrier Delhi

1117. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from M/s Ring Road Carrier, Delhi about non-payment of their dues for the jobs they have rendered to the National Seeds Corporation of India Ltd.;

(b) if so, what are the dues; and

(c) what steps the National Seeds Corportaion of India Ltd. has taken to clear the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to information made available by the NSC, it has been indicated by the Corporation that M/s. Ring Road Carriers were registered as transport agency with the NSC Regional Office at Bangalore for transport of seed to Patna Region. The agreement between the transporter and the NSC had provided for delivery in ten days. Most of the consignment were despatched in February and early March, 1987. Various consignments of maize seed were received by the Regional Office of NSC at Patna after considerable delay. Since the consignment arrived at the destination site very late, well past the sowing season, the seed had deteriorated in quality during the long transit period, the NSC had imposed penalty under the agreement with the transporter, for delays in delivery and consequent losses. According to the corporation no amount is due for payment to the transporter from the NSC.

Memorandum submitted by the Indian Railway Pharmacists' Association, Guwahati

1118. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorandum dated the 20th January, 1991 from the Indian Railways Pharmacists' Association, N.F. Railway Zone, Guwahati, has been received in the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to settle the demands?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating the demands is attached.

(c) All such demands are looked into by concerned authorities and appropriate action taken, wherever necessary on merits.

Statement

Demands of the Indian Railways Pharmacists Association N. F. Railway Zone, Guwahati.

1. The initial grade of the pharmacists should be equivalent to other Diploma holder categories i.e. Rs. 1400-2600/-.
2. Only three grades are available for the pharmacists. They should be given promotion upto Class I gazetted rank and the same should be in time bound basis.